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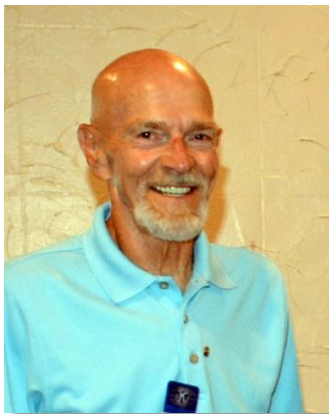
July 2023

Meetings at noon each Tuesday at Green Meadow Country Club; lunch served at 11:30

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Dedicated to building a better community by focusing on service to children and youth

President's Corner



Fellow Kiwanians:

I've heard it said that committees are groups of people who individually can do nothing but as a group decide that nothing can be done! This might be true in some cases, but committees are essential to Kiwanis. Kiwanis clubs thrive on collaboration and organization, and effective committees are key to achieving results.

Our next Kiwanis year will start in several months, and one critical, but tedious and time-consuming, part of this process is staffing our committees. We presently have committees grouped into six categories – Meetings/Administration, Membership Growth, Finance/Funding, Community Service, Children/Youth, and Public Relations/Technology. Within these categories we currently have 43 committees!

These committees range in size from one person to 10-15. There are 21 members who chair these committees; one person is in charge of 11 of them! There is room for all our members to chair, or serve on, at least one committee.

I believe there are four benefits of having committees. First is the division of responsibilities and expertise. Committees are formed to focus on specific areas. Our members have diverse expertise and skills, and these committees can leverage those skills.

The second benefit is enhanced collaboration and engagement. When members are given the opportunity to work together to achieve a common goal, it strengthens their sense of belonging and unity within the club. Committees provide opportunities for members to actively participate, contribute their ideas, and help shape the direction of our club.

Third is streamlined project planning and execution. Some committees are assigned to specific service projects or fundraising initiatives, and effective committees help coordinate these efforts, manage budgets, and assure that resources are effectively utilized.

The fourth benefit is continuity and succession planning. By having standing committees to focus on topics such as leadership development, member involvement, and member retention, clubs can assure smooth transitions of leadership and expertise from one term to another.

Committees are the backbone of Kiwanis clubs. By actively involving members in committees, clubs can harness the collective power of members, helping achieve our goals of making a difference in the lives of children and communities around the world.

Our committee structure is shown on our website. I urge all of you to take time this summer to look at the committees, talk to present chairs of the committees, and see where your talents and skills can be effectively used.

Tom Curran

Briefs

News - Prayers - Thoughts - Thanks



Bill Campbell spent a few days in the hospital and is now home.

Robert Russell reported that Gail Frana had back surgery that will keep her from driving for three months. Stephen will be riding with the Russell's or Ulloms to keep up his faithful presence at our meetings.

Brenda Sellers enjoyed a trip to New York City, rubbing elbows with persons in the publishing industry.

Stephen Frana was recognized in the newspaper for being part of the training of a local service dog.

Tom Coulter made a TV appearance on WATE-TV recognizing his contributions to our community including being our Kiwanis president. He also celebrated his wedding anniversary by presiding over our June 13 meeting.

Kent Willoughby will be visiting his family in Sweden for 2 weeks.

Bobby Perkinson was roundly saluted and razzed for his two giant pictures in The Daily Times including half of the front page. He is well past the time when shooting your age in golf is considered a good thing - at least by his standards.

Walker Delpy, Sarah's newborn and a future Kiwanian, was introduced to the club at the June 13 meeting.

Wanda Perkinson will fly with granddaughter Maddie and daughter Katrina to Anaheim, CA for the Key Club International Convention over the weekend of July 4th.



Brenda Sellers and Regina Jennings co-celebrate their birthdays on July 9 and are self-proclaimed queens.

Penny Taylor announced that her last day at the Boy's and Girl's Club will be the end of June. We all can be excited that she will remain a member of our club. Her comment on what is next for her, "I am going to breathe."

We remember on his birthday, July 7, our club president Steve Frana who left this world way too soon.

Meeting Sponsorship

For only \$40 you can sponsor our meetings for one month, promoting your business or organization.

Your sponsorship includes:

- A feature in the monthly Kourier newsletter distributed to all members of Maryville Kiwanis
- Information about your business or event on the table tents displayed at weekly meetings
- A 2-minute spotlight at the beginning of the month where you can share about your business or organization
- Recognition on Maryville Kiwanis Facebook page

There are still spots available in 2023, so sign up today! You can contact Emily Mantooth for more information:
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Maryville Kiwanis Meetings Programs



Some of our members have expressed dissatisfaction with recent programs at our meetings (too many non-profits). We welcome you to submit your ideas for a possible program topic and/or speaker for our weekly meetings. Please let us know as soon as possible. Let's try and get some **new** speakers rather than the same ones we have already heard (some many times). You can remain anonymous if you prefer.

Talk to President Tom Coulter, or President-elect Wanda Davis or the Membership Committee Chairperson Emily Mantooth. The information needed is listed below:

- Speaker:
- Program topic:
- Contact person:
- Contact telephone:
- Contact email:
- Need audio/video support?

Meeting Notes

June 6 Meeting



Five Alcoa Kiwanians joined us in our June 6 meeting a look into our area “911 Services”. The start of the meeting featured a wrap-up of the Leadership Camp just finished. The 316 volunteer hours from the club were recognized with the stars of the show again being Patsy Russell and Randy Allen. CASA of ET was presented a \$1000 check to support their community efforts.

James Long, the Director of Blount County Emergency 9-1-1, joined a 29-year veteran of the Center, Susan Porter, to present today’s program. Long is a 29-year veteran of the Air Force and served in the Blount County Sheriff’s for 27 years prior to becoming 9-1-1 director.

Our center is the primary public safety answering point for Blount County, servicing 7 fire departments and 4 law enforcement agencies as well as a portion of the National Park. Over 400 calls are answered daily, all within 10 seconds. Whether the call comes from a landline or cell phone, with the RapidSOS Portal the Center knows where you are within 50 meters. Also, your own personal health information is available if you have made that information available on your cell phone health app. They have access to every public camera in the City-County system providing valuable information when calls come in. Soon to be added is a fully integrated Auto-Vehicle Locator showing each first responder’s location in coordination with the 9-1-1 caller.

Funding for the Center is 69% state based, 15% from Blount County government, and 7.5% each for Maryville and Alcoa. A minimum of 5 during the day and 4 at night staff the center. These all have gone through extensive training, of which 50% do not make the final cut. The mission is *‘To be the calm in a crisis, providing competent, compassionate and reliable service to all.’* Most people have a story to tell about how 9-1-1 has helped them or someone they know and many literally owe their lives to the efforts of this agency. When we think of ‘first responders’ we must think of 9-1-1 as being at the front of that line.



June 13 Meeting



Forty-three members congratulated Randy Allen on being dressed properly for the day. He in turn thanked all who helped with the very successful Leadership Adventure Camp of which he and Patsy Russell co-chair. This is one of those major efforts of Maryville Kiwanis where the gift of time comes back as the leaders of tomorrow.

Our speaker for the day was introduced by Wanda Davis. Marie Roush is the Associate Executive Director for Community Options, Inc. which services the Blount and Knox County region. In 2005 after receiving her MBA from Lincoln Memorial University, she began working with those having developmental and intellectual disabilities. This organization has partnered with many local businesses in securing employment opportunities for the disabled. Additionally they have worked to secure home ownership for many disabled persons. The Volunteer State Aktion Club, which is part of the Community Options efforts, is sponsored by our Maryville Kiwanis.

Marie's work for the disabled in our community is appreciated by all and we are honored to have her as a member of our club.



June 20 Meeting

Emily Mantooth reminded us before collecting Happy Bucks that “Happiness of life depends on quality of thoughts.” Robert Austin contributed a birthday check for \$87 but wasn’t even the oldest person at his table.



The program for the day was introduced by Bob Ullom. Dr. Tim Holder is a public speaker, radio show host, author, history professor, and actor and he displayed the skills that got him there in an interesting talk about “How early Presidents Handled Adversity.” His talk centered around 4 presidents, how they handled adversity, how adversity made them better, and ways which we all can actually benefit by adversity.

Abraham Lincoln is often who people mention first when speaking of our greatest presidents, yet 60% of voters did not vote for him when he was elected before the Civil War. He navigated troubled waters with lost children and a difficult wife. Through the adversity of this and being president when our country was at war with each other, his sense of humor endeared him with his troops and eventually brought the country back together.

Another war fought on our own soil was the Revolutionary War presided over by George Washington. He was aggressive but also smart when he needed to avoid the enemy to protect his troops. His perseverance was marked by an attitude of never quitting, allowing him to become a great leader.

Garfield had an impoverished childhood. At 16 while working on a boat, he accidentally fell in and somewhat miraculously was able to return to the boat. This changed his life, he worked his way through school eventually becoming a preacher. He leaned into his faith in times of adversity, and eventually became the President of the United States.

A small and sickly James Madison could not get in the Virginia militia so he went to college, finishing in two years. He had a resolve to do what he could do, not what he couldn’t do, became a leading political scientist, and then President.

Dr. Holder is certainly a man of many talents himself, with an obvious love of history.

June 27 Meeting

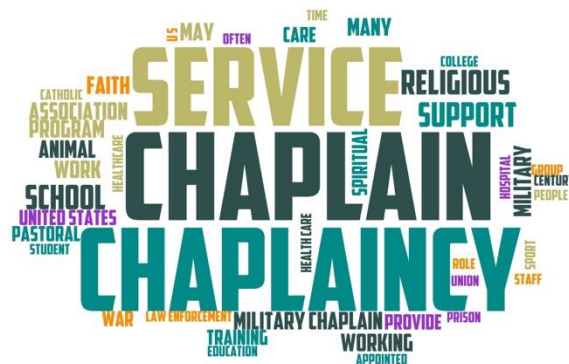
Forty-one members showed their patriotic spirit with singing of 'My Country Tis of Thee' followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In honor of our country we will have no meeting on the Fourth of July.



Kenneth Atkins introduced today's speaker Brad Bryant to discuss the "Blount County Volunteer Chaplain Corps". Unless you already knew Brad, one might wonder whether this program would hold your interest. In about two sentences he managed to engage everyone and display reasons we all can be proud of our law enforcement community. In addition to directing our local law enforcement chaplain programs he is a chaplain with the United States Secret Service. He has been involved since 2000 in law enforcement chaplain programs.

Brad credits Sheriff Berrong with beginning the program after he had to inform a family on Christmas Eve of a loved one's death in a car accident. 26 volunteer chaplains round out this service to our community and maintain a 24/7/365 call schedule. The focus to love on people in their worst moments extends to law enforcement personnel. Having to deal with situations that remain with you a lifetime affects people in law enforcement in much the same way as victim's families and these men and women are equally supported by the chaplaincy program.

Brad and the rest of the chaplains give their heart and soul to this effort, but none, including Brad, do this full-time. It would be hard to pin Brad down on what his real job is, but being the lead pastor at 180Church, a Rio Network church, certainly is one of his passions. Brad's love of Jesus Christ defines who he is. His chaplaincy and pastor work define what he does. He suggested that we all find that "who" in directing our life's work.



Kiwanis International News

Katrina J. Baranko, a member of Kiwanis for 29 years, of Albany, Georgia, U.S., was elected president of the board of trustees at the 2023 Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S. Lee Kuan Yong of Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, was chosen to be president-elect. They begin their new terms on October 1, 2023.

The House of Delegates voted on and approved a proposed amendment to update the Kiwanis International Bylaws. The delegates voted against a proposal put forth by the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees to increase members' annual dues to help address a growing deficit.

Wanda and Pete Davis, Jerry Heiny and Patsy Russell attended the Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis in June. Wanda and Jerry were our club's voting delegates. They all met with Kiwanians from all over the world and attended many educational seminars. Two keynote speakers were Clint Pulver and Mark J. Lindquist who each gave very inspiring speeches respectively about mentorship and supporting the children of Ukraine. Pete Davis has recordings of each for anyone interested. Unfortunately, International Trustee Chuck Fletcher from Frankfort Kentucky was not successful in his bid to become KI Vice President.

Additionally, if any of you are interested you may download a copy of the 2021-22 Kiwanis International Annual Report with many statistics from the KI website: www.Kiwanis.org/2021-22report or from the members only page of the Maryville Kiwanis website.



KT District News

Our local district will be well represented by the Maryville Kiwanis Club at the upcoming KY-TN District Convention in Lexington next month. Our representatives will be Tom Coulter, Wanda and Pete Davis, Jerry Heiny, Heather and Denn Larson, and Patsy Russell. Patsy will be the Division 5 Lieutenant Governor starting October 1.

July Meetings Schedule



July 4th

NO meeting 4th of July

July 11

Presenter: George Layne
Topic: Blount County Historical Museum
Chair: Bob Hayes
Greeter/Happy Bucks: Linda Ullom
Invocation: Bob Hayes

July 18

Presenter: Noah Ohslek
Topic: Volunteers Across the World
Chair: Linda Ullom
Greeter/Happy Bucks: Blake Mansfield
Invocation: Darrell Richardson

July 25

Presenter: Tim Howell
Topic: Senior Citizen's Home Assistance
Chair: Tom Coulter/Regina Jennings
Greeter/Happy Bucks: TBA
Invocation: TBA

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 2	Dale Henry
July 6	Emily Mantooth
July 9	Brenda Sellers
July 9	Regina Jennings
July 10	Stephanie Tipton
July 15	Derrick Oster
July 18	Lynn Tittsworth
July 18	Penny Taylor
July 30	Tammi Ford



Quotes

Chapter titles for “Reach for the Summit” by Pat Summit:

Never Wait 'Til Next Year
Respect Yourself and Others
Take Full Responsibility
Develop and Demonstrate Loyalty
Learn to be a Great Communicator
Discipline Yourself So No-one Else Has To
Make Hard Work Your Passion
Don't Just Work Hard, Work Smart
Put the Team Before Yourself
Make Winning an Attitude
Be a Competitor
Change is a Must
Handle Success Like You Handle Failure
Reach for the Summit

Special Events

Sweetwater Valley Farms Tour June 12



A large group of Maryville Kiwanians toured the fascinating milking facility at Sweetwater Valley Farms. The cows are milked 4 times a day averaging 10-12 gallons per milking. Among other facts, we were told that cows are carbon neutral when you consider the entire cycle from growing their feed through making fertilizer from their waste.

Interclubs

June 15 Aktion Club



Always interesting activities shared with those special adults at the Aktion Club.

June 8 at Alcoa Kiwanis



Nine Maryville Kiwanians listened to Jim Kolarnis speak about the restaurant business. He owns Bella in Maryville and several Knoxville restaurants.

June 14 at Foothills-Townsend



Heather and Denn Larson, Pete and Wanda, and Patsy Russell enjoyed the fellowship and beautiful views in Townsend.

Alcoa at Maryville Kiwanis June 6



Bruce Damrow, David Buck, David Ogle and Chris Mahler.

Good Words from One of Our Own

HOW MAY I SERVE YOU?

How serving others serves one's self

TOM ANTKOW (Also submitted to the Maryville Daily Times)

Ed Mitchell is a good man. No matter what you think of him as the Mayor of Blount County Tennessee, you can rest assured of this. Ed Mitchell is an extremely talented storyteller and someone who wears his heart on his sleeve. The perfect example of someone who serves. A true everyman. Mitchell even volunteers his time portraying Santa Clause every Christmas for everyone young and old. The “you know who you remind me of” kind of guy. Relatable, entertaining, and extremely engaging. Well, you say. It's part of his “job”. I say he chooses to “serve”, and you “chose” him for that “job”. Before I explain more about Ed let me go on.

The first time I caught a glimpse of the true meaning of a “service organization” was when I became a member of the Sun City Host Lions Club in Arizona. I was in my twenties. Prior to joining that great organization, the only community service group I was familiar with were the Boy Scouts of America. I joined the Scouts for camping. I joined the Lions Club because I wanted to expand my real estate career into the local retirement community. When I look back on the true reasons? Both were “self-serving”. Oh sure. Collecting old eyeglasses and participating in newspaper drives to recirculate and recycle was admirable, sometimes even gratifying. Certainly, helped raise funds for the club. Camping in the wilderness, learning knot tying, earning merit badges, latrine building, lifesaving, skeet shooting and all things scouting were a blast. That Lions Club experience set the stage for volunteering as Host Club program chairman. Went on to become a public speaker. Volunteered as a reader for Recordings for the Blind. That led to a minor career as a recurring guest on local radio for an organization called AFACT (Association of Fathers and Children Together). An advocacy group promoting parental rights for men. Later a radio talk show expert guest. All volunteer positions. Going forward I added, fundraiser, trash collector, assistant home fixer upper, anti-erosion crusader, 5K walker, high school anti-distracted driving speaker and advocate, church deacon, even Bible school teacher. The list goes on. However, I didn't learn the true meaning of what I was doing until much later in life.

Now back to Ed. The inspiration for this piece sprang out of the final day luncheon of Leadership Adventure Camp sponsored by the Maryville Tennessee Kiwanis Club. I volunteer at Kiwanis to “change children's lives, one child at a time”. The finale was a recognition gathering for the teenaged participants who survived the challenges, their parents and siblings, and the Maryville Kiwanis organizers and chaperons. Mayor Ed Mitchell was the keynote speaker. Ed being Ed, related a story about his experience as a fledgling firefighter in the late 80's for the city of Maryville under Chief Bruce Hill. Ed Mitchell later became the Fire Chief in 1995 just under 10 years later. The mayor waxed poetic on being tasked one harsh cold winter morning to fill multiple five-gallon buckets with salt and load them on a truck. He was then directed by the chief to drive over to the homes of several senior citizens. Once there he was told to take a bucket and starting at the front door of each home spread a pathway of salt in a line to the mailboxes located at the street. After several hours and countless buckets (I am quite sure that Ed counted each bucket) Mitchell finally asked his Chief the reason for creating the pathways on that day. Chief Hill replied, ‘tomorrow every one of these folks will get their social security checks’. I won't accept anyone on my watch slipping and falling going to their mailbox to get their checks. Ed Mitchell gave a perfect example of how giving of yourself has its rewards. Those actions not necessarily recognized at the time may last a lifetime. How experience can often be the best teacher.

My wife and I currently volunteer and gladly donate our time to the Blount County Sheriff's Department Senior Outreach Program. We assist seniors who are usually indigent, sometimes disabled and may not have anyone to care for, or about them. Ed Mitchell learned a long time ago that serving others has its own rewards. Does your service and voluntary time serve you? Just curious.

LEADERSHIP ADVENTURE CAMP 2023



Thirty rising 8th graders enjoyed a week of learning leadership skills and challenging themselves to become leaders of the future at the 2023 Maryville Kiwanis Leadership Camp. The camp was held at Maryville College from Tuesday, May 30, to Saturday, June 3. Campers and chaperones stayed in the Pearson's Hall dormitory and ate in the dining hall.

Every morning, classroom instruction in leadership skills included speakers from the community and hands-on activities. At the end of the week, small groups of campers planned a service project and presented the plan using a Power Point presentation to the entire group.

Afternoons were devoted to adventure activities (challenge course, kayaking on the lake, freshwater snorkeling, and the climbing tower) with Mountain Challenge at Maryville College. Campers were challenged to solve problems and try new activities that moved them out of their comfort zone.

Evening programming included a speaker, a picnic with games, a scavenger hunt, "Shake It Up," and "The Monster." The activities were all designed to reinforce team building and communication skills.

Members of Maryville Kiwanis gave 316 hours of their time during the week to make the camp a success. Thank you!

Directors: Randy Allen, Patsy Russell

Assistant Directors: Wanda Davis, Heather Larson

Overnight Chaperones: Wanda Davis, Patsy Russell, Randy Allen, Jerry Heiny, Tom Coulter, Blake Mansfield, Kenneth Atkins

Speaker: Katie Beeler

Adventure Trip Chaperones: Tom Antkow, Emily Mantooth, Blake Mansfield, Randy Allen, Steve Kiefer, Donna Antkow, Tom Coulter, Katie Beeler, Newsom Baker, Kenneth Atkins, Geoff Cusick, Robert Russell, Denn Larson

Shake It Up: Pete Davis, Wanda Davis, Tom Antkow, Katie Beeler, Kent Willoughby, Doug Craig, Linda Ullom, Bill Henry, Bob Ullom, Geoff Cusick

Scavenger Hunt: Wanda Davis, Patsy Russell, Randy Allen, Debra Jones, Dale Henry, Jerry Heiny

LEADERSHIP ADVENTURE CAMP PICTURES



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OBJECT 1

To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

OBJECT 2

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

OBJECT 3

To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.

OBJECT 4

To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.

OBJECT 5

To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.

OBJECT 6

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and good will.

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Volunteer State Aktion Club

Division 5 Meetings

The Division 5 Council Meeting will be held July 17 at 6 pm at 2923 Bryan Rd, Kodak, TN 37764 for anyone interested in attending

Meetings at 12 noon (unless otherwise noted)

TUESDAY

Maryville Kiwanis, Green Meadow Country Club, 1700 Louisville Road, Alcoa, TN 37701

Newport, West End Baptist Church, 116 West End Street, Newport, TN 37821

Norwood, Austin's Steak & Homemade Buffet, 900 Merchant Dr, Knoxville, TN (3rd Tuesday)

Sevierville, Applebee's, 207 Collier Drive

WEDNESDAY

Farragut, First Wednesday, Mimi's, Turkey Creek, 6 pm

Third Wednesday, West Shrine Facility, 916 Olive Rd, Farragut Noon

Foothills, upstairs in the Wild Laurel Club House, Townsend, 2nd & 4th weeks only

Northside, Foundry, Worlds Fair Site

Jefferson County, Perkins, I-40, Exit 417, 1st & 3rd weeks only

THURSDAY

Alcoa, Airport Hilton Hotel

Knoxville, Foundry, World's Fair Site

FRIDAY

Morristown, Morristown Country Club



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Maryville Kiwanis Website

www.maryvillekiwanis.org

Our website has been reorganized to make it easier for everyone to see information about who we are, what we do, where we do it, why we do it and when we do it (the 5 W's of Maryville Kiwanis). At the top of each page, you will see all the pages available. Just click of the title of any page and it will open.

Check out the important information and lots of photos. They can be viewed or downloaded from your phone, iPad or computer.

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